

City of Elmdale
Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2023

Mayor, Theresa Simmons presiding: Called to order.

Council Members present: Jim Fritch, Tyler Jackson, Ruth Green by FaceTime, Matthew Simmons, & Sheryle Baker, City Clerk/Treasurer, were in attendance.

Minutes from July council meeting are on website: www.cityofelmdale-ks.org.

July Reconciliation printout was given to each member.

Jim Fritch made a motion to pay the August bills and Matthew Simmons seconded the motion.

Monthly checks to Mark Davis, Jim Fritch and Sheryle Baker will be paid on August 31st.

DISCUSSIONS

We have electricity at the city shop and Jim has cleaned it up and done some much needed repairs to the equipment we own.

Restroom Project – Thanks to the Trusler Foundation the restroom project is moving forward. It is ready for the concrete foundation to begin sometime next week. The pipes have been laid and groundwork almost completed. Thanks goes out to Mark Davis and Jerry Bloom for all their help.

October 6-7 for 150-year Chase County Courthouse Sesquicentennial celebration. Chase County Chamber of Commerce has a complete listing of events.

The City of Elmdale will host a Chili Cookoff on October 7th from 11 am – 1 pm with a \$20 entry fee with a minimum of 10 people participation. It is open to the public. The judging of the best chili will be at 11am – Noon and sale of chili will be from Noon – 1 pm. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd to be determined. Bake Sale will be from 11-1 pm

Theresa Simmons went to the meeting with Scott Wilse and others about the fire siren on July 15th. Our siren is not able to be upgraded. There was a discussion of a digital fire siren with a maintenance cost of \$1000 per year. It will depend on a grant for the whole county that has been applied for. FEMA may have to be involved, if the grant is not approved. Updates as they become available.

The Council approved the disconnection of A T & T as the siren is no longer hooked to the Sheriff's Office and no longer works. Due to siren issue please download the KWCH Channel 12 app as it is good about alerting our community. The purchase of a weather radio is also an option. Please be aware and stay safe.

Jim Fritch has purchased the old mowers from the City for \$300.00.

We are hoping to purchase gravel for our roads before winter sets in for around \$500,00 for a semi load that will be by the City Shop.

We are hoping to get the City tractor running soon as we have to replace a back tire.

Tyler Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting and Matthew Simmons seconded the motion.

Next City Council & Budget meeting is September 11, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the City Hall building.

Please plan to attend the Budget Meeting as we are all a part of the community and we value your ideas and input.